

ABSTRACT

A pre-molded housing for electrical switching apparatus has incorporated therein a vacuum interrupter (1) surrounded by a silicone rubber sleeve (2). The outer surface of the sleeve (2) and the locating cavity (5) for the interrupter (1) have complementary tapered mating surfaces to enable removable location of the interrupter (1) in the housing (6) under axial tension. The insulating housing (6) has a side arm for a conductor. The side arm is coupled to the main housing body by a tapered socket and spigot joint effected by a temperature differential shrink fit of the socket onto the spigot.

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